

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 1871.

Tired of the Fun.

The *Pioneer* of last week was rather much, the editor saying not a word in regard to us, but allows a "Poet-a-cuss" to tell his subscribers that as the editor is incapable of making further attacks, he has quietly turned the matter over to the friend with "a strong desire" who will take the credit. But "Poet-a-cuss" will please remember that the *Pioneer* is the attacking party, and the *Argus* is and has been acting the defense.

Say, *Pioneer*, how about that, bet? Where is that "leading Democrat?" It seems that we are not alone in the supposition that the editor of the *Pioneer* was obliged to have help to do his writing, and it is even now acknowledged in that paper to be a fact. We should judge that the *Pioneer* was now prepared to attack us on all sides, as the paper has been enlarged (?) and thus the editor has more room for his articles! Let us see how it is enlarged. Before the change, the *Pioneer* contained four or five columns of reading each week, and now it contains about three columns. This seems to us like one step back instead of forward. But then, you know as long as you intend to "run the paper," you must make some kind of a show, even if it is not so brilliant.

Disastrous Conflagration.

The loss by the fire at Virginia City, Nevada, is probably about \$750,000; insurance, \$350,000. Four entire blocks in the centre of the business part of the city were burned over. The fire originated from the defective smoke-stack of a planing mill. A high wind spread the flames rapidly, and the efforts of the fire department were unavailing for a long time. Many were injured by falling walls or scorched, but none killed outright.

A Probable Murder.

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—The dead body of a man supposed to be Watt Llewellyn, formerly clerk of Shaw & Lober, rail contractors, in Broome county, Mo., was found near Jennings Station, on the North Missouri Railroad, six miles from St. Louis, on Monday last. It is suspected that he was murdered, as a pocketbook which he had when last seen here was missing, but the body was so decomposed that it could not be told whether he had received wounds.

Fire at St. John.

A most destructive fire occurred at St. John, N. B., on the 22d, destroying one of the principal blocks of the city, the one bounded by Charlotte, Union and Sydney streets.

The fire broke out in a rag left in the centre of a block of wooden buildings, between King Square and Union street, at ten o'clock, and consumed twenty-five liquor, grocery and provision stores, the Fountain House, Crawford's Hotel, Provincial Hotel, North American House, Carleton Union Hotel, Haman's extensive stables, and several workshops. The Park Hotel caught fire in the roof. The epula was burnt off and the interior drenched with water. Only twelve buildings, all of which are badly damaged, are left on the square. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Horrible Spectacle.

Recently a boy ran up to Officer Haynes, who was patrolling in West Twenty-second street, New York.—The boy breathlessly told the officer that he had just seen the dead body of a man thrown into a cellar in Twenty-second street, near ninth avenue.—The place indicated is an excavation for a cellar of new building. The officer hastened to the spot and found a crowd, the frightened boy having spread the news as he ran. Meanwhile information had reached the Twentieth street station, and Sergeant Wetherell had dispatched four men with a stretcher to the scene. The men forced their way through the crowd and secured the body. They started for the station, followed by a curious crowd.—Arriving inside the station, the stretcher was carefully deposited on the floor and the cloth removed, and then there was revealed the mangled remains of a cloth-covered wire frame, such as clothes are used for the display of clothing outside their doors. It had been stolen from the front of an Eight avenue store, the twenty-dollar suit which was on it at the time having been carried off by the thieves and the frame thrown into the cellar, just as the innocent boy passed that way.

Home for the Friendless.

A meeting of the ladies of Jackson was held at Bronson Hall, last Tuesday, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a home for the friendless poor. A full and free discussion was had upon the

praiseworthy object and the necessary subject of ways and means. The Hon. Eugene Pringle was called upon to give his opinion in the matter. In response he presented a plan prepared by himself, under an act of the Legislature, which guarantees to three or more individuals the right to form a charitable society, having the right to possess property, collect debts, and do all other things generally permitted to corporations. Mr. Pringle explained the matter so that all its provisions were understood. Appropriate resolutions were adopted with reference to the establishment of the association, after which a committee of seven was appointed to take charge of the whole matter. That committee held a meeting after the adjournment of the first meeting and decided to call a general mass meeting at Bronson Hall to-day, and if possible to get the several pastors to lend their aid and influence and to speak at the contemplated gathering.

River Pirates.

On the 15th, between 4 and 5 o'clock, Officers Dredger and McFarlane, of New York, of Capt. Wagon's command, saw two men in a boat pulling with muffled oars into the lumber yard at the foot of South Eleventh street, Williamsburgh. They had been on the lookout for some time, as this place was suspected as a depot for river thieves. Officer McFarlane summoned Officers Kennedy and Burrell, and then leaped into the boat and grappled the thieves. They made a desperate resistance. One of them drew a knife and attempted to stab Kennedy. In the struggle to disarm him the other jumped to the wharf and ran off.

After an exciting chase over fences and around the wharf, Officer Dredger overhauled him. Both were taken to the station. On the way Kennedy's prisoner tried to throw away a large gold ring. On the seal is engraved a man tending a packed mule through a grove, and the name T. Gilbert, 9-6-70.

The thieves give their names as John Wilton and Charles Slater. Slater, it is said, is the notorious Larry Coffey. The boat, which is called the Flower of the Battery, has the name of M. Quigley branded on it. It was laden with lawnmowers, canvas, and oil-cloth coats. A large steel jimmy and a pair of ox horns were also in it.—Capt. Warren Brown identified some of the property as belonging to his boat.

Buried Alive.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 20.—This morning after the laborers had commenced work on the Kentucky avenue sewer, a section of the bank on both sides caved in, covering the men with ten or fifteen feet of gravel and sand. Every effort was immediately made to rescue the unfortunate victims, and up to noon two had been taken out alive and one dead. Two others can be heard, and will soon be reached. It is not definitely known how many were buried, but it is supposed that ten or fifteen were engaged on that portion of the work at the time of the accident.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 20.—Five more dead bodies were recovered from the Kentucky avenue sewer accident this afternoon, and two more known to have been at work are missing and supposed to be in the bottom of the sewer, making the total number killed eight. The work of excavating is steadily progressing and the last of the victims will be reached to-day.

The following are the names of those killed, as far as ascertained: Jesse Barnes, Henry Dugan, Thomas Kennedy, John Carrand, John Haley and Jerry Sullivan.

The accident is supposed to have been caused from insufficient sheeting below which the earth had been excavated for two or three feet. The contractors say that the work has been done in a precisely similar manner elsewhere, but think the accident resulted from the nature of the soil and the continuous jarring of trains passing within fifty feet of the point where the accident occurred. The matter will be fully investigated by the coroner. John Gilson, buried several feet in the sand was rescued with but slight bruises. Three others engaged in the same gang escaped with but slight injuries.

Outbreak of Convicts.

A special to the San Francisco Bulletin gives an account of the outbreak in the State prison at Carson, Nev. Volney Robins, captain of the guard, was looking in the prisoners, when one fell, him with a bottle, insensible, and dragged him into the cell just as the other prisoners rushed on him to finish him. The band then cut a hole through into the apartments occupied by his wife and daughter.—Lieut. Gov. Denver entered before any alarm was given. The prisoners were all armed with slugs and steel bars. Denver met them with his revolver, and fired at Frank Clifford, a

ten year horse thief, who appeared to be leading, hitting him and stunning him, but was soon knocked down, his skull fractured, and shot through the thigh by the convicts with his own revolver. Alonzo Evans, accompanying Denver, as the latter fell, seized a chair and fought like a tiger, knocking down five prisoners, one over the balustrade and down stairs. His heroic conduct saved the life of Lieut. Gov. Denver. He himself was eventually knocked senseless and left for dead, but was only slightly injured. Wounded as he was, Clifford made his way down stairs, followed by the crowd, who at once seized the armory of the prison, the office clothing, ammunition, etc. Mat Pixley, one of the proprietors of the Warm Springs Hotel, hearing the firing and imagining the cause, seized a six-shooter, and, in company with a man named Peralash, rushed into the prison yard to assist the officers. The convicts were still inside the guard-room, firing through the main door of the building at Isaac Newhouse and Peralash. Pixley rushed up to the window and commenced firing at the prisoners inside, when Chas. Jones, a ten year young man, from White Pine, fired at him through the window, a ball from a Henry rifle, carried away two panes of glass, struck Pixley just below the left eye, passing through his head. He fell upon the stone porch in front of the prison, dead. Twenty-nine prisoners then escaped, carrying off their wounded, and are still at large. The guards are all wounded, and several of them very seriously.

Hunted by a Fiend.

Farmers in the city yesterday reported that on Sunday morning last, the dwelling house of a farmer named Hugh McCarn, living twelve miles from the city on the Gratiot road, was burned to the ground, the inmates escaping only by jumping from the windows. The burning of the house reduces Mr. McCarn from comparative wealth to a point scarcely above poverty, although he still has the land on which it stood and a pair of strong arms to commence work anew. It is the third or fourth incendiary fire which has visited him within less than three years, and it is thought that this last act of the rascal will lead to his detection and punishment. About three years ago, McCarn was employed in the tin shop of James Gill, on Michigan avenue, and was known as an energetic, honest and faithful man. Receiving a sum of money from an estate, he removed from the city to the point named, purchased a farm, a hotel and other buildings, and began the life of a farmer, renting his hotel instead of keeping it.

Having some money yet left, he loaned several hundred dollars to a farmer in that vicinity, securing himself by a mortgage. On this mortgage, up to two or three months ago, no money was ever paid, the mortgagee finding McCarn a big-hearted man, who did not feel like pushing matters to the extent allowed by law. He however wanted his money, as every man wants what is due him, and on asking his debtor what he proposed to do, the mortgagee having then expired, he was met by a volley of oaths and abuse, and threatened with all sorts of calamities in case he pushed matters.

That night, a barn containing several hundred dollars' worth of hay and farming implements, was burned to the ground, and the act being clearly that of an incendiary. Suspicion pointed strongly to the mortgagee, but there were not sufficient proofs to warrant his arrest. Something like a year ago, the mortgagee being then overdue many months, McCarn again endeavored to collect his money without a resort to foreclosure, and he was again refused it, the debtor even refusing, with threats, to pay a shilling of the interest money, and making threats. He was informed that foreclosure was certain unless he paid up the mortgage. That night the tavern stand, renting for four hundred dollars per year, was fired by an incendiary and burned to ashes. There was again strong suspicion that the revengeful debtor was the criminal, but again proofs were lacking, and McCarn would not procure his arrest. A month ago, after the usual period of advertising, McCarn had the farm sold by foreclosure the mortgage. He expected that his dwelling house would be next selected by the incendiary, and for many nights preserved a strict watch, also keeping such watch as he could on the movements of the person most suspected. Sunday night week, tired out and believing himself safe, McCarn went to bed and to sleep. An hour or two before daylight he was awakened by the sensation of being smothered, and leaped out of bed to find his house wrapped in flames. One after another his children were tossed from the window, his wife leaped down and he followed last, having saved nothing but a little bed clothing. There was no insurance on house or furniture, and the loss is fully two thousand dollars. Only last week McCarn was in the city and raised six hundred dollars to use in erecting a new barn. Every dollar of it went to feed the flames. As said at the outset, it is thought that the implacable incendiary left traces behind him which may lead to his arrest. If detected no punishment is too severe for him, and the farmers in that locality are indignant enough to lynch him on the site of his last piece of fiendish work.—Free Press.

News Items.

The Indiana State Fair commences at Indianapolis on the 25th inst. Three deaths from yellow fever were reported in Charleston Wednesday.

A. J. Anderson, of Tomah, Wisconsin, was accidentally shot Tuesday.—He died instantly.

Gen. Hawley declines to take any part in the campaign in Ohio on account of sickness. Horace Greeley lectured at Farwell Hall, Chicago, Wednesday evening, on "Self Made Men."

Archbishop Spaulding, who has been lying ill for some time in Baltimore, was easier Wednesday night.

The last rail on the European and North American Railroad, between Bangor and St. Johns, was laid Wednesday.

Twenty thousand people visited the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition Wednesday. The Exposition closes on the 7th of October.

Three New Orleans Metropolitan Policemen have just been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for clubbing a man severely.

The steamboat men of Cincinnati held a large meeting Wednesday morning to take action in regard to the amendments to the new steamboat law.

Gen. Geo. W. McCook was in New York, Wednesday, consulting a physician about the propriety of his returning to Ohio and participating in the canvass.

A six hundred pound twelve-inch rifle gun burst on the beach at Fortress Monroe, Wednesday, during the trial of a new kind of powder. No person was injured.

A solemn requiem mass for the souls of the Papal Zouaves who fell in defending Rome one year ago, was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Wednesday morning.

The statement made some time since in a Florida paper that the whole of Orange county in that State had been inundated is pronounced by State Engineer J. A. McDonald, who left Florida, after the publication was made, to be a pure invention.

A pretty full delegation of prominent citizens of St. Louis representing the city at large, Merchants' Exchange, Board of Trade and Congressional Districts of Missouri, left St. Louis Friday to attend the National Commercial Convention at Baltimore.

Tom Carter, one of the prisoners concerned in the outbreak at the Nevada State Prison, has been recaptured and another tracked and severely wounded. The main gang were closely pursued by troops from Carson and it is believed that the bulk of them will be recaptured.

The passengers' room at the station in Leslie was broken into on the night of the 16th and some baggage and boxes of cigars stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbit, of Grand Rapids, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on the 15th.

J. Q. A. Warren, in a lecture before the Kent Scientific Institute at Grand Rapids on "Silk Culture," asserted the adaptability of the climate of Michigan to the production of several varieties of cocoons.

The students in Hillsdale College now number over 300.

At East Saginaw, a debate between Rev. S. E. Wishard and Dr. Ballard, is announced. The latter maintains that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is justified by the word of God, and is beneficial to man, which doctrine Mr. Wishard controverts. Plumbago has been discovered near L'Anse.

The Portage Gazette says: There is some talk of making a winter route from Lake Mechigami down the Menominee River to the shore of Green Bay. Forty miles of the road is already built north of the Town of Menominee. By opening up this thoroughfare, our winter mails will be received several hours in advance of the time required to deliver them by the old route.

A farmer at Forestown, in Genesee county, has captured an immensely large bald eagle, and taken the same to East Saginaw.

Benjamin Hudson's son, aged eleven years, was thrown from a wagon, which, passing over his body broke his arm in two places.

The Cleveland House, in the Township of Banks, was burned on the 17th. The owner, Mr. Provost, resides in Detroit. The furniture was insured for \$650.

Ethan H. Beach's house, at Iosco, burned down on the 15th. Loss, \$1,500; insured for \$750. The troops of Gen. Osborne's division, called out by the Governor of Pennsylvania to suppress riots at Scranton, have been paid off.

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